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The scandalous delay of the Naval
Authorities in sending out a gunboat to look
for the pirate ship, has been much com-
mented on, and our correspondent "Old
Hand," in his letter which appeared in yester-
day's issue, only gave expression to the
general feeling on the subject. Not until
nearly twenty-four hours after news of the
outrage had been received was the *Zinnel*
ready to proceed to sea. It was not to be
supposed that the pirates would be so
obliging as to wait for her, and with a day's
start they had of course every chance of
eluding pursuit. Had the vessel left earlier
it is perhaps doubtful whether any greater
success would have attended her search, but
the community would at least have had the
satisfaction of knowing that everything
possible had been done to bring the per-
petrators of the outrage to justice, and our
belief in the efficiency of the Navy would
not have received so severe a shock.

The needless delay on an occasion of so much
emergency seems to show up the inepti-
tude of the Navy in an even stronger
light than the marvellous blundering which
attended the celebrated and disastrous
manoeuvres in Tytan Bay. Her Majesty's
ships look magnificent lying in the harbour;
it is to be regretted that the efficiency of the
force falls so far short of its imposing ap-
pearance. As regards the delay in the de-
patch of the *Zinnel*, however, it is possible
that some share of the blame may rest on
the Colonial Government, as we understand
the gunboat was sent out on their requisition.
If this be so, some statement as to the
hours at which the requisition was sent in,
and an explanation of why it was not sent
in sooner ought to be given. A meeting of
the Legislative Council was held yesterday
afternoon, but no reference was made to the
subject.

The Chinese member of the Legislative
Council of the Straits Settlements, the Hon.
SEAH LIANG SEAH, has resigned his seat,
owing to the attitude assumed by his brother
unofficial members in reference to various
subjects in which he has interested himself.

In an interview with a representative of the
Straits Times he enumerated those subjects,
one of which is really a somewhat important
one. He attributes the unwillingness of the
members to support his scheme for the issue
of Government paper currency to commercial
and monetary interests, whereas his advocacy
of it, he says, was due to his wish to get the
greatest good for the greatest number, and to
prevent the recurrence of bank catastrophes
of the "Oriental" and "Asiatic" type. It is
a pity that Mr. SEAH LIANG SEAH did not
remain in the Council and keep up the argu-
mentation on this question until he had con-
verted his fellow members to his own view.

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